



# IAEMSC

International Association of Emergency Medical Services Chiefs

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The Supporting Our First Responders Act will provide assistance to EMS systems nationwide. EMS responds to meet the pre-hospital medical needs of millions of Americans each year, and is the tip of the spear of the community healthcare system. EMS has never had the same level of availability to grants that police and fire agencies have historically had. Whether an EMS agency is career or volunteer, public, private, hospital based, county based or a true third public safety service, it requires the same access to grants, funding, training, and technology in order to succeed. EMS is the first service called when there is a medical or traumatic emergency, we are first on the scene for every major catastrophe in the United States, but we are frequently ignored when it comes to funding opportunities.

Congressman Kim and Congressman Carey, we know you both support EMS and we are grateful to both of you and your respective staff members. The IAEMSC would like to say thank you for introducing this significant piece of legislation to render assistance to EMS services nationwide. We cannot thank you and your staff enough for your support of the EMS community.

The IAEMSC ardently supports the Supporting Our First Responders Act.

Respectfully Yours,

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